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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter dated 27 November 1992 (S/24870) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), I should like to share with the Council further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 27 November and 3 December, there appear to have been 57 flights of fixed or rotary wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with operative paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with operative paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, information has become available of one more flight on 25 November which was not listed in my letter dated 27 November. Details as to the time and itinerary of these flights are attached in an annex to this letter.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned. In addition, UNPROFOR will raise the matter of apparent violations at forthcoming meetings of the Mixed Military Working Group in order to prevail on the parties to comply with the provisions of resolutions 781 (1992) and 786 (1992).

It should be noted that, at this point, there is no information available to UNPROFOR which would indicate that any of the flights has been involved in combat missions.

UNPROFOR continues to improve its observation and reporting procedures. However, at present the airfields concerned are being monitored only by military observers temporarily redeployed from existing peace-keeping missions. Out of the 79 military observers required for a permanent deployment, Member States contributing troops to UNPROFOR have made commitments to provide only an additional 29 observers. Full deployment and effective round-the-clock monitoring will not be possible until the entire complement of observers has been deployed.

In light of the interest expressed by the Security Council, I will from now on report twice a week on developments relating to the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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ANNEX

FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY UNPROFOR
(27 NOVEMBER-3 DECEMBER 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
205	25 November	1236	1625	A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing from Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter later returned to Zaluzani airfield.	East Fast 500 feet
206	27 November	0917	1525	An H42 Gazelle helicopter, number 12756, departed Zaluzani airfield in the morning and returned mid-afternoon.	South Fast 400 feet
207	27 November	0918	1553	An H42 Gazelle helicopter, number 12928, departed Zaluzani airfield in the morning and returned mid-afternoon.	South Fast 400 feet
208	27 November	1022	1022	An H42 Gazelle helicopter, number 12658, was observed flying in the vicinity of Banja Luka. The helicopter's departure and recovery airfield are not known.	East Fast 600 feet
209	27 November	1104	1327	An HT40 Hip helicopter, number 12352, departed Zaluzani airfield in the morning and returned early afternoon.	South Fast 500 feet
210	28 November	0637	1255	A Gazelle helicopter, number 12709, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield.	East Slow 400 feet
211	28 November	0753	1542	A Gazelle helicopter, number 02756, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield.	North-East Slow 200 feet

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212	28 November	0800	--	A Gazelle helicopter, was observed departing Mohovljani airfield. It did not return to the airfield.	South Slow 100 feet
213	28 November	0919	0926	A contact was detected 25 NM South of Gorazde initially outside of the "No Fly Zone". It crossed in the "No Fly Zone" before contact was lost 10 NM South of Gorazde.	North-East 135 KTS (160 mph) 10,000 feet
214	28 November	0936	0942	A contact was detected 15 NM East of Dubrovnik over Trebinje, descending towards Dubrovnik. Contact was lost 5 NM East of Dubrovnik.	West 105 KTS (120 mph) 13,000 feet
215	28 November	1016	1017	A Gazelle helicopter was observed passing overhead Zaluzani airfield.	South Fast 500 feet
216	28 November	1132	--	A Gazelle helicopter was observed passing overhead Mohovljani airfield.	South Slow 100 feet
217	29 November	0752	1257	A Gazelle helicopter, number 12756, was observed departing from Zaluzani airfield and returning early in the afternoon.	West Slow 300 feet
218	29 November	0800	0821	An HN45 helicopter, number 12932, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter was on a technical flight.	-- Slow Up to 1,500 feet
219	29 November	1111	1112	An HN45 helicopter, number 12352, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. It did not return to the airfield.	South-West Fast 400 feet

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220	29 November	1150	1325	An MI8 helicopter, number 12365, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield and returning early in the afternoon.	South-West Fast 600 feet
221	30 November	0958	0959	A helicopter was observed passing overhead Zaluzani airfield.	South Slow 500 feet
222	30 November	1002	1004	A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing Zaluzani airfield, number 12709. It did not return to the airfield.	South Fast 300 feet
223	30 November	1020	1022	A helicopter was observed flying over Zaluzani airfield.	North-East Fast 500 feet
224	30 November	Not known	1038	A Gazelle helicopter was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield. There is no record of this helicopter, number 12703, taking off from Zaluzani airfield.	North Slow 200 feet
225	30 November	1345	1349	An aircraft was detected 20 NM North of Banja Luka. The track faded 14 NM North-West of Banja Luka.	South-West 120 KTS (138 mph) 2,500 feet
226	30 November	Not known	1455	A MI 8 helicopter, number 12352, was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield.	North Fast 300 feet
227	1 December	0635	0653	An aircraft was detected 10 NM South of Dakovo, it crossed the river Sava and then continued inside the "No Fly Zone" towards Gradacac.	South Slow Low

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228	1 December	0638	0642	An aircraft was detected 15 NM South-East of Zupanja. It crossed into the "No Fly Zone" on a Southerly heading and faded from radar coverage 3 NM South of the river Sava.	South Slow Low
229	1 December	1025	1140	A MI 8 helicopter, number 12365, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield and later returned to land.	South Fast 300 feet
230	1 December	1205	1522	A Gazelle helicopter, number 12709, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield and later returned to land.	East Fast 200 feet
231	1 December	1540	1542	A MI 8 helicopter, number 12365, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield.	South Fast 300 feet
232	1 December	1540	1625	A MI 8 helicopter, tail number 1235, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. Reported as a MEDEVAC flight, no ordnance was observed. The helicopter landed back at Zaluzani airfield.	South Fast 300 feet
233	2 December	0905	1020	An HT 40 (MI-8), tail number 12368, was observed conducting a test flight at Zaluzani airfield. The helicopter landed back at the airfield after completing the test flight.	Random Slow 1,000 feet
234	2 December	0945	Unknown	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. The flight was reported to United Nations observers as a MEDEVAC flight. No ordnance was observed. The helicopter did not return to the airfield.	East Slow 400 feet
235	2 December	1112	1135	An HT 40 (MI-8), tail number 12264, was observed conducting a training flight over Zaluzani airfield.	Random Slow 800 feet

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236	2 December	1200	1330	An HT 40 (MI-8), tail number 12368, was observed conducting a training flight over Zaluzani airfield.	Random Slow 400 feet
237	2 December	1525	1613	AWACS detected a slow moving track 20 NM East of Split. The track faded 10 NM South-East of Mostar. This track displayed a flight profile of a helicopter.	South-East Slow Unknown
238	3 December	0715	1203	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12756, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield with a crew of 3, no ordnance observed.	South Fast 400 feet
239	3 December	--	0820	A MI-8, tail number 12219, was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield with a crew of 4. No ordnance was observed.	East Fast 1,000 feet
240	3 December	0852	0955	A MI-8 helicopter, tail number 12368, was observed conducting a test flight at Zaluzani airfield. No ordnance was observed.	South Slow 300 feet
241	3 December	0859	0926	A J21 aircraft, tail number 24407, was observed departing from and landing at Mahovljani airfield.	West Unknown 6,000 feet
242	3 December	0918	1035	A MI-8 helicopter, tail number 12365, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. No ordnance was observed.	South Fast 400 feet
243	3 December	0954	1024	A NJ-22 aircraft, tail number 25503, was observed departing from Mahovljani airfield. It later landed back at the airfield.	South Unknown 500 feet

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244	3 December	1005	1029	AWACS detected a track flying from overhead the town of Prijedor towards Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft.	South-East 400 KTS (460 mph) 4,500 feet
245	3 December	1007	1032	AWACS detected an aircraft flying in the area of the town of Jajce towards Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with an NJ-22, tail number 25504, which was observed taking off at 0957 and landing at 1032 at Mahovljani airfield.	North 450 KTS (530 mph) 10,000 feet
246	3 December	1008	1030	AWACS detected an aircraft manoeuvring in the vicinity of Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with a J-22, tail number 25114, which was observed taking off at 1001 and landing at 1033 at Mahovljani airfield.	Various 400 KTS (460 mph) 7,000 feet
247	3 December	1013	1036	AWACS detected an aircraft flying in the area of the town of Jajce towards Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with an N 62, which was observed taking off at 1006 and landing at 1047 at Mahovljani airfield.	North 430 KTS (495 mph) 12,000 feet
248	3 December	1017	1025	A MI-8 helicopter, tail number 12364, was observed conducting a test flight at Zaluzani airfield. No ordnance, however weapons pylons were observed.	South Slow 200 feet
249	3 December	1029	1043	AWACS detected an aircraft flying an area 10 miles North-East of the town of Jajce towards Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with a J 21, which was observed taking off at 1010 and landing at 1046 at Mahovljani airfield.	North-West 300 KTS (345 mph) 5,000 feet

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SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
250	3 December	1055	1102	AWACS detected an aircraft departing on a South-Westerly heading from Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft.	South-West 215 KTS (248 mph) Low
251	3 December	1124	1133	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, flying in the vicinity of Mahovljani airfield.	North Slow Low
252	3 December	1126	1134	AWACS detected an aircraft overhead the town of Sanski Most flying to the overhead of a small town to the South-East of Banja Luka. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft.	Various 292 KTS (335 mph) 9,100 feet
253	3 December	1141	1212	A J22 aircraft, tail number 25114, was observed departing from Mahovljani airfield. It later landed at the same airfield.	North-West Unknown 5,000 feet
254	3 December	1146	1203	AWACS detected an aircraft in the overhead of the town of Prnjidor flying on a Southerly heading to the East of the town of Sanski Most. It then continued to a position 5 miles North-East of the town of Jajce. Finally it turned on to a Northerly heading and the track faded 10 miles to the East of Banja Luka. This track probably coincides with a J 21, tail number 24160, which was observed taking off at 1117 and landing at 1203 at Mahovljani airfield.	Various 300 KTS (345 mph) 13,400 to 9,200 feet
255	3 December	1150	1220	AWACS detected an aircraft overhead the town of Prnjavor initially heading West, it then turned East after overflying Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft.	Various 300 KTS (345 mph) 3,400 to 4,700 feet
256	3 December	1152	1224	An NJ 22 aircraft, tail number 25503, was observed departing from Mahovljani airfield. It later landed at the same airfield.	North-West Unknown 3,000 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
257	3 December	1200	1230	AWACS detected an aircraft 15 miles South-West of Banja Luka heading North possibly returning to Mahovljani airfield and carrying out a standard airfield approach pattern. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with an NJ 22, tail number 25504, which was observed taking off at 1201 and landing at 1231 at Mahovljani airfield.	Various 400 KTS (460 mph) 4,700 to 8,000 feet
258	3 December	1216	1229	AWACS detected an aircraft flying 15 miles South-East of Banja Luka towards the town of Jajce. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft. This track probably coincides with an N 62, which was observed taking off at 1209 and landing at 1250 at Mahovljani airfield.	South-West 300 KTS (345 mph) 5,400 feet
259	3 December	1236	1248	AWACS detected an aircraft manoeuvring in an area 5 miles to the North-East of Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this track was consistent with a fighter aircraft.	Various 400 KTS (460 mph) 800 to 4,200 feet
260	3 December	1236	1249	AWACS detected an aircraft, probably a helicopter, manoeuvring in the area of the town of Doboj. It then continued on a South-Easterly heading fading after 15 miles.	South 65 KTS (75 mph) 800 feet
261	3 December	1353	1404	AWACS detected an aircraft just South of Banja Luka flying towards the airfield of Mahovljani. This aircraft was probably a helicopter.	Various Slow 8,000 to 1,900 feet
262	3 December	1510	1531	AWACS detected an aircraft flying overhead the town of Kotorsko, near Doboj, to a point 15 miles West of the town of Brcko. The speed of this track was consistent with a fixed wing aircraft.	East 130 KTS (150 mph) 200 feet